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KARPAL TO GIVE EVIDENCE TO POLICE NEXT WEEK OVER PORN TAPES ISSUE

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GEORGETOWN, Aug 14 (Bernama) -- Jelutong MP Karpal Singh will give evidence to police next week on the video tapes alleged to be pornographic and involving former Dewan Rakyat Deputy Speaker D.P. Vijandran, CID Director Datuk Zaman Khan said here today.

He said Karpal Singh, at a meeting with police here, agreed to give the evidence on Wednesday or Friday.

The police would carry out thorough investigations and would not act in haste, he told a news conference at the police headquarters here.

Zaman Khan said Karpal Singh gave the undertaking to give evidence when he met Supt Khew Ching Hoi, the investigating officer for the case from Bukit Aman.

Karpal Singh, the DAP deputy chairman, had handed a tape alleged to be pornographic and involving Vijandran to the Dewan Rakyat on July 21. The House subsequently handed the tape to the police. -- more

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Zaman Khan said the investigation was being carried out with the help of a video tape expert.

On the theft of micro-chips, Zaman Khan said these cases involved factory workers but went unreported because employers wanted to maintain good relations with the workers. He added that this would not help reduce such cases in the country.

He said the employers also had to monitor closely the transport of containers carrying the micro-chips to ports and airports because thefts often occurred on the trips.

The micro-chips were sold in the black market overseas by middlemen who were usually foreigners, he said, adding that in 1981 micro-chips valued at about \$12 million were reported stolen. -- Bernama

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